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## Today's Weather.

Western Oregon and Western Wash-  
ington—Friday, rain.  
Eastern Oregon and Washington,  
fair.

## PRAYERS NOT ANSWERED.

It seems sacrilegious for the nobility of Russia to offer up prayers for divine assistance. They are the most wicked and murderous people in the world. They have brought the present crisis upon themselves. Horrors accumulate upon horrors in unhappy Russia and rise toward higher and higher marks. Plieva was one of the foremost ministers of state. Sergius was one of the chief grand dukes. Above him the czar. No wonder that the sovereign is terror-stricken. The horrors of the tragedy is rivalled by its ominous menace of what may come next. The world may pray that such omen may be absent, but revolutionists, especially those of the bomb throwing type pay small heed to prayers. There can be but little doubt but that the threat of a few days ago is being fulfilled. A reign of terror is coming upon Russia, directed at the autocracy, and therefore at the czar himself, so long as he is identified with the autocracy. It remains to be seen how it will be met. There are two ways. One is repression, the other concession. It may not be possible to repress exploding dynamite. There may also be doubts of the efficiency of concessions now to tame the "tiger of Muscovy" which has broken loose.

With the personal characteristics of Grand Duke Sergius, we need not concern ourselves. His traits were such as have been common in Russia since the days of Peter the Great. He was a cold-blooded, hard-hearted snob, who placed no more value on the life of a poor peasant than he did on a flea. The revolutionists avenged the moral law upon him with a bomb, and he got all that was coming to him, and he deserved it. He was killed because he had administered autocracy with harshness and because he conspicuously stood for all that is worst in the governmental system of Russia. Perhaps we may add that it was also because he was a grand duke, whose slaughter would more nearly concern and affect the czar himself than that of any man of lower hereditary rank.

There was, too, a dreadful deliberation about the thing. We are told that Sergius was sentenced to death two months ago. It was known at the time, or soon after, by himself and by the police that his death had been decreed by some death dealing "circle." Precautions, defences and all else have been vain to prevent the fulfillment of the decree. Nor was he alone proscribed. It is said that the Grand Duke Alexis, the Procurator Pobedonosteff, General Trepoff and even the empress dowager were similarly sentenced. If so, they stand today in the shadow of an awful menace. We may easily believe it is so, for it would be difficult to name four persons in the empire more generally hated by the revolutionists than they. After the deed of the other day nobody would be surprised at any fearful thing tomorrow's Russian tidings might disclose. But where is it all to stop? For 25 years the Russian autocracy has been striving strenuously to stamp out nihilism. It has not succeeded nor even made progress. Its lethal enemy is still in existence and more active and potent than ever before. It is passing sentence at will upon the rulers of the land and is executing its sentence with inexorable zeal and with inevitable precision. Practically it is a sentence against autocracy through the autocrats themselves. The only reply thus far made is a sentence of repression and of oppression against the Russian people. But surely there must be some wiser course.

## PRESIDENTIAL BEE.

William Randolph Hearst, author and father of yellow journalism, who

publishes several newspapers, that are not fit for children to read, has the presidential itch bacillus, a sort of festering sore, representing the super-heated state of the mind of a dead mule. A rose by any other name would smell as sweet. It is generally conceded that he has no qualifications for the office. He can not make a speech, deliver an oration or even write an editorial, but he has several barrels with patent bungs and expects to buy the office by buying, first, campaign boodle managers and second by buying votes. It is expected that the anarchist element of the United States will be kept in red flags and spending money during the presidential campaign. The ward heeler, the grafter and booster, the riff raff and scum of creation will rally around the yellow journalistic flag like flies around a molasses barrel.

In mental capacity Hearst resembles the top flat of a New York skyscraper—a store house for offal. His stock of gall is unlimited and sufficient to supply the beef trust with a superior article for years to come. In mental equilibrium he is as well equipped as an Astoria house with possibly not as much brain capacity. In egotism he is the peer of any man in the world and that is his whole stock in trade and with well filled barrels has an idea that it will land him in the presidential chair. He has no following among the better element of the democratic party, who are organizing a movement to kill him off. Hearst has started his boom early. He will start in by being a candidate for mayor of New York, and in the event of his election, which is extremely doubtful, he will be the democratic candidate for governor of New York. He will not be the choice of the democracy for either of these offices, but expects to purchase the nomination. In the event that he is successful for the governorship, he will then be the logical candidate for president of the United States.

The nomination of Mr. Hearst for president of the United States will unite all the better element of the people, irrespective of political affiliations against him. He will meet with a more crushing defeat than did Parker last November. He will antagonize the gold standard democrats against him as did Bryan, for it is a well known fact that Hearst makes him money from silver mines and that he is an advocate of the free and unlimited coinage of silver. He and Bryan will make the next democratic platform and it will declare for free silver. This will be the issue four years from now, if Hearst is successful in his presidential aspirations and is not cut off in the bloom of youth.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents  
With Comments by a Layman.

An Italian Irishman has been discovered in New York. What a snap for the Astoria police force.

After all it isn't so bad for Hoch to be hanged—just supposing he had to pay them all alimony.

Nan Patterson will be on trial again in a short time and it will be a relief to get away from Hoch for a few minutes.

It is reported that the testimony is all in in the Peabody case and Peabody would seem to be in about the same fix.

Fostering industries and not fostering politics will prove a better financial investment for Astoria. Build the Smiths point road.

G. Washington's birthday was celebrated in accordance with sobriety and local option. Not a man was arrested for boozology.

After the Tuttle charter bill comes the sheriff collecting taxes. There is no rest for the wicked.

A Pittsburg gambler left a fortune of \$2,000,000. He was the dealer, not the player. Players are buried at the expense of the county.

China lottery has taken the place of lawn tennis among the "400" of Astoria.

## Real Estate Transfers.

United States to Mollie Conklin et al, 43.21 acres in section 19, township 6 north, range 6 west. Patent.

United States to C. E. Glover, 129 acres in section 17, township 6 north, range 6 west. Patent.

United States receiver to Dennis Kenney north half of southwest quarter of section 35, township 5 north, range 7 west. \$210.

Dennis Kenney and wife to John J. Rupp same property. \$600.

Grimes Grove Land Company to J. Gannon lost 18, block 7, Grimes Grove. \$150.

M. J. Kinney to Harriet M. Kinney, 160 acres in section 36, township 6 north, range 9 west. \$5.

M. J. Kinney to Harriet M. Kinney, 160 acres in section 15, township 7 north, range 5 west. \$5.

Jacob Weist and wife to Astoria A. T. & T. Co. northwest quarter of section 17 and east half of west half of section 17, township 6 north, range 6 west. \$2000.

## PURIFY PORTLAND

Sheriff Word Promises to Make a  
House Cleaning.

## DOES NOT NEED THE POLICE

Multnomah County's Sheriff Says He  
Will Change the Map of the North  
End Within the Next Twenty-  
Four Hours or Less.

Portland, Feb. 23.—"I will change the map of the north end within the next 24 hours."—Sheriff T. M. Word.

Following in the path of reforms of which the raids on the Paris house and the Little Paris were but the beginning, Sheriff Word announces his determination to complete the work in the famous north end, regulating it under narrow restrictions enforced from his office.

Vice will be confined to certain well defined districts, subject to rigid inspection and control of the sheriff. Disreputable dives will be cleaned out and the "women" will be absolutely the only occupants of certain buildings.

All connections with bars will be cut off, and the flagrant evils eradicated, so far as within the powers of the sheriff and the possibilities of the city of Portland.

In general vice will be centralized and put under control and saloons will close at 1 o'clock. It was never his intention to put a stop to the social evil, for he says he knows this cannot be done, but it can be stripped of its notorious publicity and confined and controlled.

## No Church Soup.

Baltimore, Feb. 23.—For the first time in the history of the city Baltimore is without oysters during the season. Dealers say lovers ofysters must expect to do without them until a thaw comes, which will enable the dredgers to get a fresh supply.

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Continued Mr. Rogers: "I am continually hearing of so much good it is doing, not only children, but the weak, aged, run-down, tired and debilitated, that I cannot help being enthusiastic in regard to Vinol."

"I wish every mother in Astoria would try Vinol, on our guarantee that if it does not do their little ones all the good we claim, we will refund all the money paid us for the medicine. It seems as though it was the duty of every mother in Astoria to accept this

There are ginger worms and red-pepper bugs—queer boarders—that have to be looked for, not in Schilling's Best, but in making it. There are eggs of these queer boarders, too small to be killed by grinding. Don't keep spices warm, or they'll hatch.

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